

Amendment to the claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

1.(original) A network system that provides software services via a network, comprising:

at least one provider for providing a software service and for collecting information for determining the quality of the service; and

a management site for managing the information collected by the provider.

2.(original) The network system according to Claim 1, wherein the provider collects, as the service history for determining the quality of the service, at least one of the following: the number of times the service has been used, frequency of use of the service, execution time of the service, and maintenance time for the service.

3.(cancelled)

4.(currently amended) The ~~provider-system~~ according to Claim ~~42~~, further comprising means for transmitting the ~~information for determining the quality of the software-service~~ history to the management site.

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A ~~requester-method for selecting a web service~~ comprising:

~~means for transmitting~~ a search request for a service to a management site that searches for software services provided via a network;

~~means for obtaining~~ a service search result including information for determining the quality of services from the management site, wherein the information is collected by a provider that provides the software services;

~~means for selecting~~ at least one software service based on the obtained search result; and

~~means for transmitting~~ a request to execute the selected service to the provider.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A computer program product for providing software services via a network, wherein the computer program product ~~causes a computer to function as~~comprises:

program product means for executing processing for at least one software service; and

program product means for collecting, based on execution of the processing by the executing means, information for determining the quality of the software service, wherein the information is managed by a management site that searches for the software services provided via the network.

11. (currently amended) The computer program product according to Claim ~~135~~, ~~further causing the computer to function as~~ comprising program product means for transmitting the information for determining the quality of the software service to the management site.

12. (currently amended) The computer program product according to Claim ~~135~~, wherein the collecting means collects, as the information for determining the quality of the service, service history resulting from executing the processing for the service.

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) The computer program product according to Claim ~~165~~, ~~wherein the first further comprising means for~~ retrievesing a service in response to a search request for the service transmitted from a requester via a network;

~~the second~~ program product means for retrievesing information for determining the quality of the service retrieved by the first means; and

~~the service retrieved by the first means and~~ program product means for transmitting the information retrieved by the second means for determining the quality of the service ~~are transmitted to the requester.~~

15. (currently amended) A computer program product for implementing software services provided via a network, wherein the computer program ~~causes a computer to function as~~ product comprises:

program product means for transmitting a search request for a service to a management site that searches for software services provided via a network;

program product means for obtaining a service search result including information for determining the quality of the services from the management site, wherein the information is collected by a provider that provides the software services;

program product means for selecting at least one software service based on the obtained search result; and

| program product means for transmitting a request to execute the selected service to the provider.

16. (cancelled)

| 17. (currently amended) The management site according to Claim ~~73~~, comprising third means for obtaining the information for determining the quality of the services via a network from the provider that provides the software services.

| 18. (currently amended) The requester according to Claim ~~116~~ or ~~12~~, characterized in that the information for determining the quality of services obtained from the management site is transmitted to the management site via a network from the provider that provides the software services.

| 19. (currently amended) The computer program product according to Claim ~~16~~ 10, wherein the computer program product further comprises program product ~~causes the computer to function as third~~ means for obtaining the information for determining the quality of the services via a network from the provider that provides the software services.

| 20. (currently amended) The computer program product according to Claim ~~20~~ 12, characterized in that the information for determining the quality of the services obtained from the management site is transmitted to the management site via a network from the provider that provides the software services.